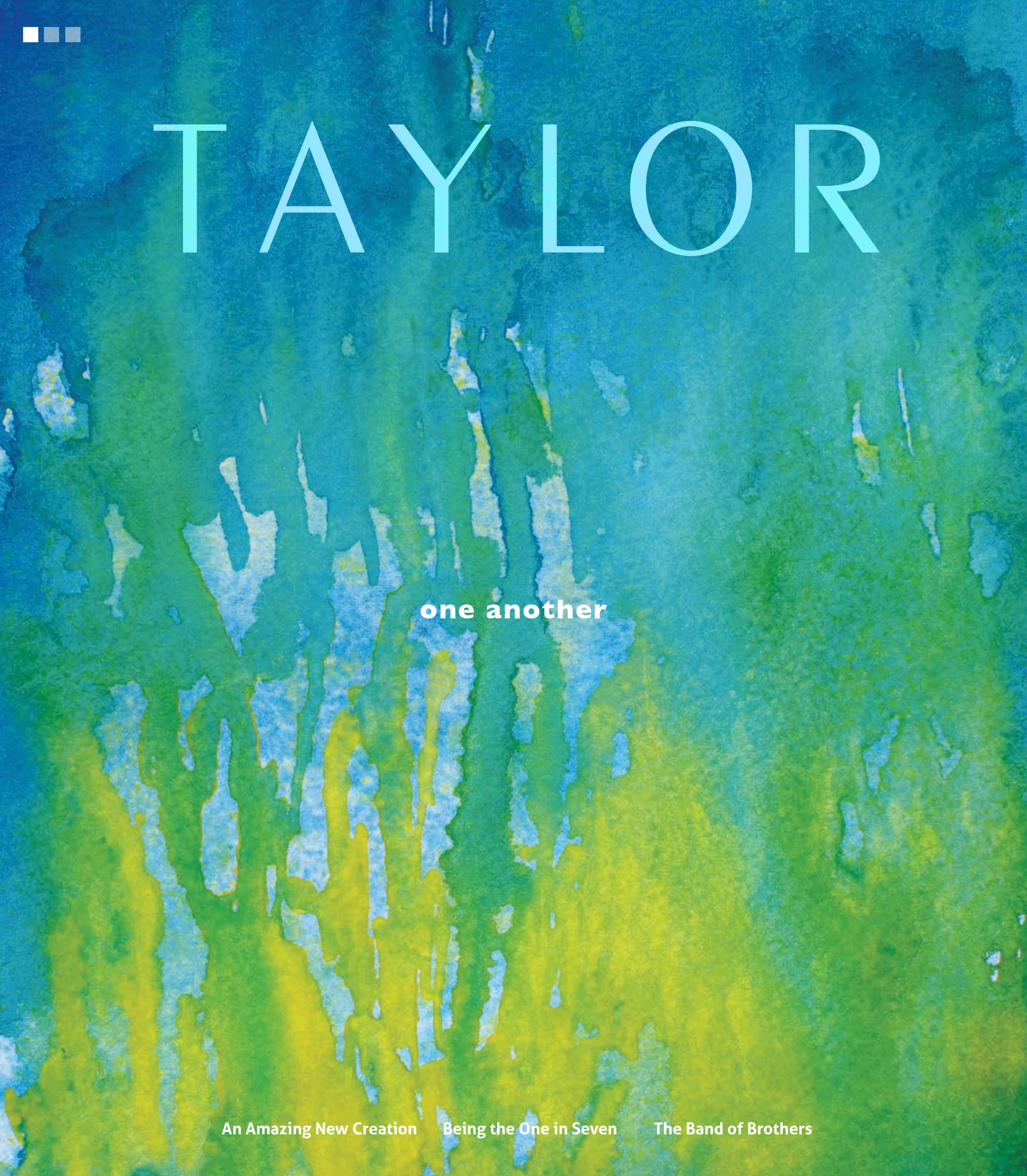

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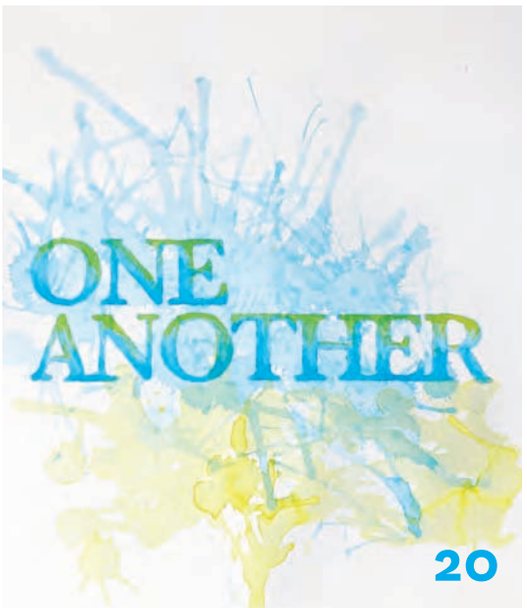
"Being human, not one of us will ever have a relationship with another person that doesn't have a wrinkle or a wart on it somewhere. The unblemished ideal exists only in 'happily ever after' fairy tales. I think that there is some merit to a description I once read of a married couple as 'happily incompatible.' Ruth likes to say, 'If two people agree on everything, one of them is unnecessary.' The sooner we accept that as a fact of life, the better we will be able to adjust to each other and enjoy togetherness. 'Happily incompatible' is a good adjustment."
Billy Graham

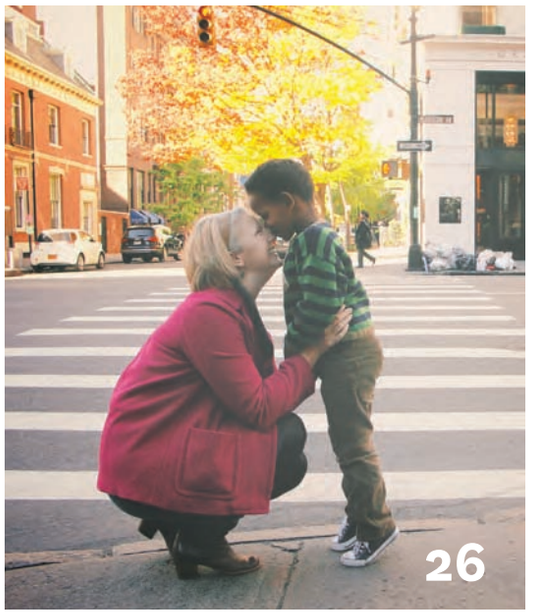
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1 Thessalonians 5:11

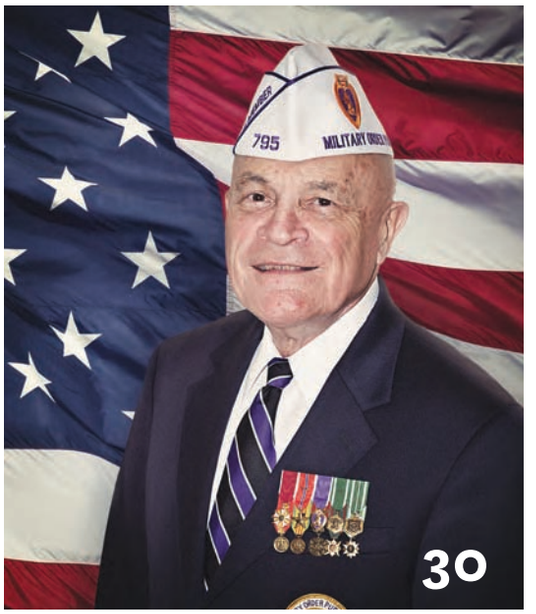
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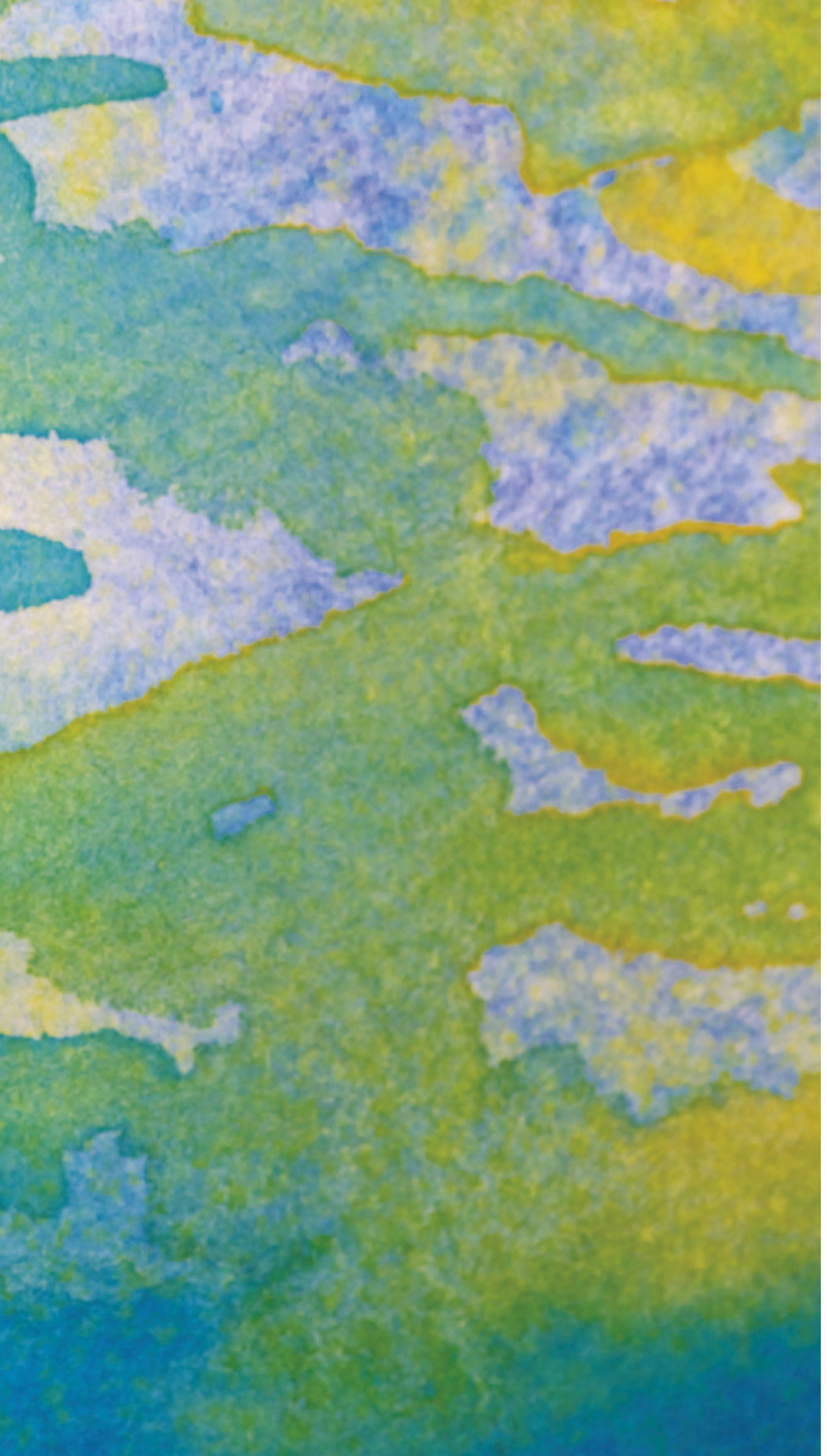
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PUTTING SHOES ON THOSE PRAYERS

"But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds."

James 2:18

It was a warm Sunday evening many years ago when our pastor made a statement that literally impacted the rest of my life. As he spoke of loving one another, he said that our feelings and prayers, while commendable, were only the start. We needed to put shoes on those prayers. I had never looked at it that way. In fact, I don't think I have been the same since that night.

Suddenly that passage from the Book of James became so clear to me. Our faith motivates and shines through our deeds - whether it is building up, caring for or making allowances for one another, speaking the truth in love, reconciliation or respecting each other.

This issue of *Taylor* tells a handful of stories that illustrate how members of our community put shoes on their prayers. One speaks up for those who have no voice in South Sudan. Others moved into an old neighborhood to share their lives with the people who live near them. Yet another was critically injured while ministering to and aiding wounded soldiers.

Of course, there are so many more examples. Perhaps you know of some; we would love to hear them. In the meantime we pray that you will be encouraged and challenged to walk in the manner of Jesus Christ.



James R. Garringer
Editor



NEW RESIDENCE HALL WILL OPEN IN THE FALL

A new residence hall that will house 150 students is slated to be completed this August and will honor one of one of Taylor University's most beloved professors, the late Dr. Ruth Ann Breuninger. Construction began last fall, after the arrival of a record-setting freshman class of 560 students and the decision to demolish Fairlane Apartments.

Breuninger, fondly remembered as "Dr. B." by her students, was instrumental in the launch of Taylor's Lighthouse Program in 1972. She died in 2007. The new Breuninger Hall is being built south of Gerig Hall on the campus' south side and will attach via a two-story atrium. Like Gerig, the new hall will have two floors for women and one floor for men.

Director of Residence Life, Steve Morley '02 says the goal of the new hall is to allow more students to experience the on-campus, incarnational living and discipleship opportunities for which Taylor is recognized. "On each floor, there's an open central lounge that's the connecting point of the three different sections that break off of it," Morley said. "And there are quiet study spaces on each wing and floor, so that common central space can be used almost as everyone's living room."

Also toward that end, Morley said the residents of the new hall will be comprised of nearly 100 current students with spots reserved for 50 incoming freshmen.

"This might sound counterintuitive, but we'd rather there be a broad spectrum of GPA, instead of it becoming an honors students hall," Morley said. "The application would be intentional so that we could have some ways of trying to diversify the students who are in the hall, from interest areas, from academic areas, and from personality characteristics."

Vice President of Business Administration, Ron Sutherland '81 said the new hall will benefit from a geothermal system that will help heat, ventilate, and air condition the new hall.

"They'll actually put tubes in the lake, sink them so they flow on the bottom of a section of the lake," Sutherland said. "That allows us to use the warm water from the lake when it's really cold, and cool down the water when it's really hot."

The project will cost an estimated $10 million; occupancy is scheduled for this fall.

PUBLIC HEALTH FACULTY IN PLACE

CLASSES BEGIN THIS FALL

DR. ROBERT E. ARONSON has been named the inaugural director of Taylor University's public health program. Aronson, a tenured faculty member in the Department of Public Health Education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, brings to Taylor a wide array of professional experience and academic accomplishment.

Aronson's degrees include a PhD in public health (The Johns Hopkins University, 1997), master's degree in public health (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1986) and his bachelor's degree from Wheaton College (1983).

Prior to joining the North Carolina faculty, Aronson also served on the faculties of the University of Oklahoma and Johns Hopkins University. Additionally, he has pursued an active career within the field of public health, serving as an independent consultant for Community Health Diagnostics, Baltimore, Md.; an investigator at the Native American Prevention Research Center, College of Public Health, University of Oklahoma; a senior research program coordinator in the Department of Maternal and Child Health, Johns Hopkins University; and director of the Health and Human Services Division, Shaw-Speaks Community Center, Cape Fear Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Wilmington, NC.

He has taught, presented and published work in a number of areas that encompass the public health spectrum including: neighborhood mapping and evaluation, exercise and physical activity among rural-dwelling senior citizens, strengthening communities and the roles of individuals in building community life, issues of masculinity for black men on white campuses, and community assessments in low wealth neighborhoods.

"I had always seen a great potential for a school like Taylor, Wheaton or any school in the CCC doing something with public health either at the undergrad or graduate level," he said, adding he plans to teach an introductory course in public health in the fall. "I already have lots of ideas about what needs to happen in an undergraduate public health program and to what extent a program like this can serve the campus – not just the students in the public health major."

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Aronson join our faculty as the founding director of this exciting new interdisciplinary program in Public Health," said Taylor University Provost Dr. Jeff Moshier. "Bob has a long and distinguished vitae of learning, teaching and research both with undergraduate and graduate students in this field and he is eminently qualified to launch our new program.

"Most importantly, his mature Christian faith and passion for helping people will allow him to build many bridges at Taylor and with the community" added Moshier. "We eagerly anticipate the arrival of Bob and his family in Upland this summer."



PUBLIC HEALTH IS A FIELD THAT CENTERS AROUND ENHANCING THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD.

Consider the air we breathe, the water we drink, the effects of disease or food poisoning among communities and how diet and nutrition can affect large people groups. Issues like these are complex and require a knowledge base comprised of multiple areas of study. Public Health leverages the expertise of several health-related professions to address critical family and community health issues. Simply put, public health helps the public.

Learn more about the program:
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Team coach Dr. Jim Spiegel poses with the Taylor Ethics Bowl team prior to their trip to the national tournament.

TAYLOR ETHICS BOWL TEAM ADVANCES TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

The Taylor University Ethics Bowl team advanced all the way to the national championship match in San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 28, before losing a narrow 153-154 decision to instate rival DePauw.

Taylor was appearing in the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl as the Central States Regional champion for the second time in the past three years after a strong showing in last fall's regional round. The 32-team national competition included teams from Colgate, Georgetown and the Naval Academy. Also competing was the defending national champion, Whitworth, whom Taylor defeated in the national semifinal.

According to Taylor's Ethics Bowl team coach Dr. Jim Spiegel, the cases debated in the competition covered a broad range of issues that included drug legalization, gay conversion therapy, the DREAM Act (immigration reform), climate engineering and euthanasia.

"It was the most impressive run we've had at nationals or any level," Spiegel said. The performances all day long were stellar. They handled themselves with such poise and class. They were very professional both in defeat and victory. The cases were very challenging all day long. Whenever we got 'curveball' questions the team adjusted extremely well.

"I think that comes with all the months of working with each other and the preparation. The preparation was absolutely thorough and superb," Spiegel continued. "Their work ethic is extremely strong – you would not be on the Ethic's Bowl team if you don't have a strong work ethic. It really showed from match to match. Tom Weingartner '13, who is the leader of the team, really stepped up and do what a good leader does – fill in the gaps. If it was someone else's case and there was an additional argument that needed to be made he always stepped in."

Spiegel added that next year's Ethics Bowl team will return intact with the exceptions of Weingartner and Sarah Sawicki '13, the only seniors. "We have a young team, which bodes well for the future. Most of them are sophomores," he said. "There were also two freshman on the team; it is the first time we've ever had freshmen. To think they are going to be doing it for three more years is a great thought.

"This experience going to nationals has had a huge impact on them," Spiegel said. "There is no way to calculate the impact."

2012-2013 Taylor Ethics Bowl team members included: Jess Biermann (Philosophy) '15, Nathaniel Cullen (Philosophy) '15, Kasey Leander (History/Political Science) '16, Brianna Leever (Political Science/Developmental Economics) '14, Davis Meadors (Biblical Literature/ Philosophy) '14, Suzanne Neefus (Philosophy/ Political Science) '14, Abigail Pollock (Political Science) '14, Sarah Sawicki (Professional Writing) '13, Mark Taylor (Philosophy/Bib Lit) '15, Veronica Toth (Professional Writing) '16, Stephen Weick (Philosophy/History) '15, and Tom Weingartner (Political Science) '13.

SOFTBALL COMPLEX IS NEXT ON UPGRADE LIST



The sweeping renovation of Taylor University's athletic facilities has taken its next step with a project that will install lights, a new permanent scoreboard, dugouts, drainage, seating and other amenities at the Taylor intercollegiate softball field.

The field will be known as Gudakunst Field in honor of the project's benefactor, Donna Gudakunst of Fort Wayne, Ind.

"Mrs. Gudakunst wanted to do something that would create a legacy," said Dr. Angie Fincannon, Taylor's director of intercollegiate athletics. "She wanted to support the hard work undertaken by our student athletes because she believes in the things athletics can do in a young person's life and especially what they do in the lives of young women. We were overjoyed with this generous gift."

The project is the latest in a series of upgrades to Taylor's athletic facilities. In the past year, Taylor's baseball field got a much-needed upgrade of an artificial turf infield and new, permanent dugouts. The football stadium was replaced with a new dual-use facility with lights and artificial turf that hosts Taylor's home football and soccer games. Additionally, two new practice fields were installed and Odle Arena received new bleachers – replacing the originals that had been in use for nearly four decades.

Lights and the new scoreboard were the first and most noticeable additions to the softball facility. Fincannon said the addition of lights will allow more flexibility in terms of practice and game schedules – meaning Taylor's softball players will miss less class for games and practice.

"We are ecstatic about the updates that are being added to our facilities, and cannot wait to play on our field," said senior pitcher Holly Tomaszewski '13. "Playing at home is always a treat, and these additions will make it that much sweeter."

"We have been trying to do things the right way and this gift is a huge bonus," said Taylor softball coach Brad Bowser. "When we have students in class and we need students to practice it allows us to practice later in the evening after the classes. Also it has made our athletes feel very appreciated. They are incredibly excited about the upgrades and being able to play their games at night. It is really a big deal to them and a wonderful gift."

Dedication of Gudakunst Field will take place April 26, during Taylor's Heritage Weekend.

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One of social media's best qualities is its ability to share instantaneous information with friends, families and loved ones via Twitter, Facebook, Instagram or various social media. Here are a few tweets and Instagram photos that we have enjoyed during the past weeks.

@ByTheHandClub
"I want to go to Taylor University. I will get there by getting an education." Yarmell, 4th grader from Cabrini-Green (Chicago).

@CometBandMan
@TaylorU_News I would not be the music educator I am today if it were not for Dr. Shulze. He is in heaven playing the organ! @ TaylorAlumni

@xapismarie
Do you think the Habeckers know how often the students of #TaylorU tweet about and Instagram them? #creepers #welovetheHabs

@joshhchapp
I got retweeted by @TaylorU_News, I can now check that off my #TaylorU bucket list #feelsgoodman

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FACULTY STUDY AUGUSTINE, GOD AND EVIL, POWER OF STORY

DR. BEULAH BAKER, English, presented *Staging Reconciliation in Toni Morrison's Home* at the Conference on Christianity and Literature in Oklahoma City. She also presented *Constructing and Deconstructing Identity: The Unadaptable Alfred Nobbs* at the American Conference for Irish Studies in Park City, Utah.

SHAWNDA FREER, New Student Programs, presented *Aging and the Fountain of Youth: Intergenerational Mentoring,* and *Family Friendly: A Framework for Working Parents and Their Supervisors* at the National ACSD Conference.

DR. SCOTT GAIER, Academic Enrichment, presented *Strategies for Designing and Redesigning Courses* at The Teaching Professor Conference in Washington, DC. Also published a chapter entitled *Pairing Courses to Benefit Student Learning* in *Linked Courses for General Education and Integrative Learning: A Guide to Faculty and Administrators.*

DR. KEN KIERS, Physics, received approval for a $90,000 grant entitled *Theoretical Investigations of Observables Sensitive to New Physics.*

DR. GREG MAGEE, Bible, presented *Creation Care: Enhancing the Church's Witness* and *Anchored in Israel's Faith: Paul and the Old Testament in 2 Timothy* at the national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society.

DR. LORNE MOOK '87, English, presented *When the Blessing Isn't Wide Enough: Insufficient Refuges in Coleridge's Poetry* and *Time and Structure in Books 7 and 8 of the 1850 Prelude,* at a pair of conferences in England.

DR. MARY MUCHIRI, English, published *The Power of Story: Global Myths on the Origins and Character of Black People.*

STEVE PHILLIPS, Center for Ethics, published *Human Germline Genetic Enhancement and C.S. Lewis' The Abolition of Man* in *Ethics and Medicine,* 2012.

DRS. BRUCE PRATT '74 and **DON TAYLOR**, Physical Education and Human Performance, presented *Promoting Critical Thinking for Learning – Teaching Critical Thinking?* at the Annual Christian Society for Kinesiology and Leisure Studies Conference.

DR. MARK RAIKES '95, Career Development, published *To Dream the Impossible Dream: College Graduation in Four Years* in *Christian Higher Education.*

DR. LAWRENCE RESSLER, Social Work, presented *The Writings of Dr. Alan Keith-Lucas: An Analysis of His Unpublished Papers* at the NACSW Conference in St. Louis, Mo.

DR. PAUL ROTHROCK, Environmental Science, published *Floristic Quality Assessment Along an Old-Field Chronosequence* in *Proceedings of the Indiana Academy of Science.*

DR. RACHEL SMITH, Art, taught a course on *The Interplay of Christianity, the Arts, and Culture* at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia. She also presented a public lecture on *Divining the Spirit in Contemporary Art* while there.

DR. JIM SPIEGEL, Philosophy, published chapters in *Augustine and Science* and *God and Evil: The Case for God in a World Filled with Pain.* Both books will be released in 2013.



DR. MATTHEW RENFROW, Exercise Science, presented *Concurrent Validity of 7-site Skinfold Measurements Taken by Exercise Science Students* at a regional conference. It has since been accepted for publication in the International Journal of Exercise Science.

Q&A WITH DR. ROBERT ARONSON

TAYLOR'S INAUGURAL DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM

Dr. Robert Aronson has accepted Taylor's invitation to move to Upland to become the inaugural director of the public health program. He is currently a member of the graduate faculty in the Department of Public Health Education in the School of Health and Human Performance at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He will begin teaching this fall.

Q: WHAT CAUSED TO YOU LEAVE A LARGE STATE UNIVERSITY LIKE THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR TAYLOR?

A: It's really interesting because I really wasn't looking. I have a great job with great colleagues and I was doing very well. I graduated from Wheaton College and had been to Taylor when I was in high school. I had been to the campus but that was 1979 or 78 even. I have a strong appreciation for small liberal arts colleges, small Christian colleges and I told my department head the only place I could see myself going was a place like where I am at now or a small Christian liberal arts college.

I have always seen a great potential for schools like Taylor, Wheaton or any Christ-centered university embarking on a public health program, either at the undergrad or graduate level. Periodically, because I am curious, I would look to see if any of these schools were doing anything with public health and I would never see it. When I saw that Taylor was advertising for this position I thought, "Wow, this is really an exciting thing." I was so glad Taylor was doing it. It also piqued my interest.

Things just worked out amazingly. I really believe this is a wonderful opportunity to join with what God is doing at Taylor.

Q: WHAT ARE NEXT STEPS?

A: First steps are always connecting and establishing relationships. It is true when I work in communities or when I work at a new institution. Who is doing what, where there can be real synergy. There needs to be support across campus for what we are doing. When I was here for interviews there were so many people from so many departments - it was quite invigorating. I met so many more people at Taylor in those few days than I have met at UNC in 12 years.

I already have lots of ideas about what needs to happen in an undergraduate public health program, and to what extent a program like this can serve on the campus. This is not just the students in the public health major. We need to prepare students to live in a multicultural world and be interested in cross cultural communications and developing competencies for people to become global Christians.



From left: Casey Coons, Erika Redweik, Nate Kasper, Erin Guarneri, Tommy Peller and Tess Rudolph.



SIX THOUSAND POINTS. ONE GOAL.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TAYLOR BASKETBALL HISTORY, **SIX SENIORS – THREE MEN AND THREE WOMEN –** HAVE EACH SCORED 1,000 POINTS IN THEIR TROJAN CAREERS.

When senior Erika Redweik hit a lay-up with 13:08 left in a January 19 win over Crossroads League foe Goshen, she joined fellow seniors Tess Rudolph, Erin Guarneri, Casey Coons, Tommy Peller and Nate Kasper – all of whom have scored 1,000 points at Taylor.

"It's not something you really think about coming in [as freshmen]," Rudolph said. "You just take it season by season, and then you're like, 'Oh, that's pretty cool.'"

"I've never heard of that [happening anywhere else]," said women's head coach Tena Krause. "It's neat that the six of them really get along. Our teams get along really well."

One of the reasons for the achievement is perseverance. The men had to overcome a variety of injuries, including knee problems for Kasper in his freshman year, a broken wrist that ended Peller's sophomore season and Coons getting his nose broken three times this season.

"Their scoring was a byproduct of the kind of teammates they were and the kind of workers they were," men's head coach Paul Patterson said. "It isn't like we set up for that to happen. They're good players."

Injuries have been particularly tough on the women's squad. Guarneri suffered a season-ending knee injury her freshman year and the team lost five players to career-ending injuries. But the extra playing time that resulted for the rest of the team reaped big rewards this year.

"Those three figured out what needed to be done, whether it was one of them scoring, two of them scoring, or all three of them scoring," Krause said. "They knew that the three of them had to step up if we were going to have a good season."
It was the same story for the men, whose long winning streak in late season propelled them into the Crossroads League tournament.

"It's pretty cool that our best year was our final year," Peller said. "We can kind of look back and see how our team developed over these four years."

Even though neither team made the national tournaments, their testimony on and off the court, the relationships they made during their time at Taylor, and both teams winning 20 or more games were dramatic finishes to their careers.

"In the big scheme of things, for (each of) us scoring a thousand, it won't compare to what we want to do here … We want to leave some kind of legacy and achieve something as a team," said Kasper. That way for us it would be a whole lot sweeter."

LIFE-TOGETHER

by Stephen R. Mortland '85

THIRTY YEARS AGO, TAYLOR BEGAN A "TRADITION" THAT HAS MARKED OUR GRADUATES IN A VERY UNIQUE WAY. Graduates of the class of 1983 walked across the stage dressed in their academic regalia and as expected, they received a diploma that testified to their completion of Taylor's rigorous academic program. But unlike other years, along with their diploma, they received a very special towel.

THE TAYLOR TOWEL

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took not only the bread and the cup as lasting symbols of His self-giving love, but also a servant's towel. He stepped down from the seat of honor, took off his outer clothing, and put a towel around his waist and washed their feet. In so doing he offered his disciples a profound and radically counter-cultural demonstration of the very heart of God. The good life he invites his followers to participate in involves taking up the towel with Him.

The towel is more than a symbol at Taylor. It is a tangible expression of the mission of the University; reminding and challenging graduates that all they have and will accomplish of real significance comes by means of participation in the servant ministry of Jesus Christ—both in them and in the world.

More generally, the Taylor towel is a simple physical summary of the emphasis placed throughout the Taylor experience on serving one another in love by the enabling of God's persevering love for us. It is that love that seeks to foster wholly integrated followers of Christ within a community where brokenness is being redeemed.

The diploma was a statement of an honor earned. The towel stood as a reminder that they had been called. For the past 30 years, the towel has been a reminder of the call to live as disciples who do "life-together" in intentional and authentic ways. Taylor University purposely places students, faculty and staff in face-to-face relationships that encourage them to encounter the God-image – *and* the brokenness – that is present in each one of us.

This is most clearly seen within the covenant our community signs each year that guides how we do life together. Much more than a list of rules, this document contains a wonderful description of the characteristics that make up the Taylor community. Known as the "one-anothers," these principles are the foundation for Taylor's discipleship "Towel" community.

We intentionally do "life together" at Taylor for the purpose of ***building up*** each member of the community. This community is more than a loose collection of individuals studying and working together, instead, we take an active role in the growth of others. Romans 15 call us to "shoulder the burden of doubts and qualms of others" (JB Phillips) with the focus on their good and the building up of their character. Building up is not simple encouragement or positive feelings; at its core it is *intrusive.* It is risky work – symbolically "taking up the towel" and dealing with the mess and brokenness that is inevitably found in each of our lives.

We are a community of the redeemed, not a community of the perfected. In our imperfection we are tempted to protect our "rights," sometimes trying to live outside the inevitable mess of community. Doing "life together" requires that we put aside our assumed right to personal offense. Instead of responding out of our hurt, we choose to ***make allowances*** for each other. Recognizing our own fallenness, we live graciously and compassionately with each other. Colossians 3 reminds us to be merciful in action, kind in heart and humble in mind. We live in the humble attitude of perpetual forgiveness, remembering all we have been forgiven. While we refuse to excuse or embrace the fallenness in ourselves or others, we aren't offended or surprised when we encounter brokenness, nor do we turn our face from it. We are offended only in the damage it brings to the God image that has been placed in each of us.

While insecurity can tempt us into treating each other dispassionately or with detachment, we combat this tendency by embracing a community where we intentionally ***care for*** each other. We enter into the pain and experience of others, deliberately sharing the brokenness of our journeys. At Taylor, "I'll pray for you," should not be a flippant statement, but a commitment to intercede with the Father, offering ourselves as instruments for God to use. This caring does not come out of our goodness – instead we love as the gracious byproduct of living a faithful life together with Christ. We love out of the overflow of God's love for us and as an expression of our love for him.

But how does a group of unlovely, broken, selfish people learn to truly care for each other? What allows us to ***respect*** others who are different, when culture tells us we have plenty of reasons to ignore, hate or fear? We consider others as better than ourselves (Phil 2:1-11) because we recognize the God-given worth and dignity inherently placed in everyone we encounter. We seek to see the God image in each person we work, play and study with. Differences don't divide us. They call us to a fuller understanding of the God we purport to love, and in each person we encounter, we learn something new of the eternal. We recognize and embrace the privilege of joining God in the work He is doing to clarify His nature in His people.

In the midst of this community, we are called to ***speak truth*** to each other. Sometimes, Christians value politeness too much; born from an unhealthy desire for acceptance. As a result, we sacrifice truth and authenticity. We see the brokenness in each other...and fearing rejection, shy away from honesty. In its place we offer a hollow acceptance – willing to comfort but not confront. The Taylor community calls us to something different. We embrace truth that comes from a desire to build up, truth that grows out of a posture of humility. In mutual submission, we both administer and receive the ministry of the towel. We recognize that in a community of broken people, there will be times that our relationships bring more pain than healing. When these relationships have been harmed, regardless of fault, we are called to ***reconciliation, restoration and restitution***. We refuse to write each other off. Like the good shepherd who left the 99 behind, we seek out the one that is "lost." We pursue as we have been pursued. And when discipline is necessary, it is exercised with the goal of restoration and reconciliation.

WHEN A DANCING POLICY IS NOT ABOUT DANCING.

At the February meeting, the Board of Trustees approved an adjustment to the dancing parameters contained in the Life Together Covenant. This adjustment, in effect, gives student development the opportunity to program a limited number of on-campus dances starting this fall. This decision was a strong endorsement of Taylor's commitment to our incarnational model. Less about dancing, this was a result of our awareness that today's student has grown up in online communities, boasting more "connections" while becoming less able to connect in meaningful relationships. This change provides new ways to place students in face-to-face activities that reach across gender, ethnic and residence hall lines. This change wasn't a call to dance, but a call to community.



"THEY LOVE TAYLOR"

WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE GAINING MOMENTUM

IN ONLY TWO YEARS OF EXISTENCE, THE WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE HAS DONATED MORE THAN $100,000 TO TAYLOR, MUCH OF IT IN THE FORM OF PROJECT GRANTS FOR VARIOUS ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS.

Associate Vice President for Development Sherri Harter said the the group's goal is to create more opportunities for faculty-student collaboration. She said the idea was born at a conference she attended three years ago. The majority of women's giving circles were not affiliated with faith-based institutions and she felt Taylor was the perfect place for such a group.

The Circle has grown to 42 members in only their second year. Membership is on a yearly basis, beginning with a minimum gift or pledge of $1,000. The Circle's total gifts this year increased more than 100 percent from last year: $32,500 in 2011, to $72,400 in 2012. "The members all have a common denominator," Harter said. "They love Taylor and they act as one to Taylor's good."

A portion of the group's funds are set aside for the Taylor Fund, to aid students with financial need. The rest is allocated to specific academic departments as project grants.

In May, the Circle sends requests for proposals to faculty. Resulting faculty proposals are then sent to members of the Circle, who rank each proposal on a scale of 1-to-10. Rankings are tabulated and used to determine which projects to fund. The Circle funds up to $5,100 for each accepted proposal.

The Circle has funded projects in the Art, Bible, Chemistry, Education and Social Work departments, among others. Funds augment department budgets, allowing for faculty creativity.

The Physical Education and Human Performance department (PHP) has received more than $8,000 from the Circle for project collaborations with the Psychology and Physics/Engineering departments, as well as the building and installation of a hydrostatic weighing device, which is currently being used by a student research group.

"Research has become a high-level priority in our major, and quality research comes with a price," Assistant Professor of PHP Dr. Matthew Renfrow said. "Without the generosity of the Women's Giving Circle, we would not only have fewer projects, but the ones we do have would be of lower quality."

The Circle gathers on campus during Homecoming and Heritage Weekend to meet and interact with students and faculty who benefit from the group's efforts.

For more information, contact: Sherri Harter, shharter@taylor.edu, or, call 765-998-4956.



GIVING MATTERS





God has been gracious and has blessed us beyond what we deserve. We had acquired some land in the Sand Hills of Nebraska which had greatly increased in value over time. We thought of selling the land, but didn't want to incur the capital gains tax. We decided to give the land to the two Christian colleges that are meaningful in our lives; one of which was Taylor University where our three sons graduated. It was a pleasure to make this gift of real estate and the tax savings will benefit us for years to come. **Clayton and Carolyn Peters**

All gifts to Taylor make a difference in the lives of students. Some gifts are more tax advantaged than others. Appreciated assets given directly to Taylor University provide a fair-market value income tax deduction, and since they are given to a public charity, are not subject to capital gains tax. Many Taylor Alumni and friends have found gifts of publicly traded stock and real estate to have a great impact.

To discuss the advantages of giving appreciated assets, contact Michael Falder or Nelson Rediger in the Office of Major and Planned Gifts at 765.998.5538 or email mcfalder@taylor.edu or nlrediger@taylor.edu. Read more online at www.taylor.edu/giftplans.

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2 CORINTHIANS 13:11

FINALLY, BROTHERS, REJOICE. AIM FOR RESTORATION, COMFORT ONE ANOTHER, AGREE WITH ONE ANOTHER, LIVE IN PEACE; AND THE GOD OF LOVE AND PEACE WILL BE WITH YOU.


AN
AMAZING
NEW
CREATION

From its outward appearance, the drab, old building used to be an elementary school on the once-thriving south side of Muncie. Today it is a Boy's and Girl's Club for children in the old neighborhood. The building itself is like the part of town it resides in – it has seen better days. The intermittent wail of sirens can be heard.

But in the gymnasium there is life. A large crowd of people are seated on folding chairs for a worship service. The preacher is a younger man and he delivers his message with an intensity that draws everyone's eyes to him. The subject is King Saul in the moments following the Prophet Samuel's pronouncement that because Saul had disobeyed God's command, God had now rejected him as the king of Israel.

With a sense of urgency, Andrew Draper '00., the pastor of Urban Light Church, delivers his plea. All eyes are fixed upon him until a person stands up and confesses to the group, "I need prayer because of my negative spirit. Whenever my husband has an idea I usually have some reason it will fail. I have not trusted the Lord and I need to ask God for forgiveness."

Then someone else comes forward for prayer, then another and another. Soon the front of the old gymnasium is dotted with men and women, boys and girls – they are tearfully confessing their sins to God and asking Him for forgiveness. Standing there, one is struck with the thought that this building might have been intended by its planners to be a school building, but God had so much more in mind.



Several years ago, Draper and his wife Leslie (Wood ’00), along with a handful of newly-graduated Taylor University alumni, sensed the still, small voice of God prompting them to move to the old neighborhood in the southern part of Muncie to share their lives with the people who live there – people who are precious in God’s sight.

They include:

- Josh ’04 and Lacey Block
- Josh and Lindsey (Carpenter ’01) Arthur ’01 – TUFW grads
- The Drapers
- Jake and Lauren (Thompson ’03) Jones’02
- Lezlie (Slusher ’03) McCrory
- Danny and Nicole (Marshall ’00) Smith ’99
- Trever ’01 and Lauren VanderHorst

The Arthurs were the first family to move in and had started NRG House and Window Washing Company. The Joneses later founded their own company – In and Out Cleaning. The two companies merged a few years ago and the Blocks later moved to Lansing, Mich. Danny Smith is one of Urban Light’s teaching pastors. “I grew up realizing the broken places in my own life and recognizing the desire to be part of the healing of the broken places in other people’s lives,” Draper

says. “While at Taylor, one time that really stuck out to me was when we were in a cross cultural communications class and went to Lawndale Church in Chicago. It was one of those moments when I felt my heart burn within me to see what was possible after a church in a local community had been active there for 30 years. I was just blown away. It was like heaven on earth.”

Heaven on earth. One gets a sense of that when speaking with Draper and learning of the initiatives that have started in the neighborhood during the past seven or eight years – the church, backyard clubs, a community development corporation and a soon-to-be-opened charter school. Additionally the group banded together to lead a remonstrance that stopped a strip club from reopening at the northern edge of their neighborhood. “There are a lot of programmatic things that have taken off in the last few years but the thrust of it is that we are fiercely committed to reconciling people to God and to each other. That means that we value, above everything else, that people have a relationship with Jesus and also that we have honest, authentic, beautiful and messy relationships with each other where we know each other well, across racial, socioeconomic and political lines. That is our biggest value – living in the community, doing our best to be good neighbors.”

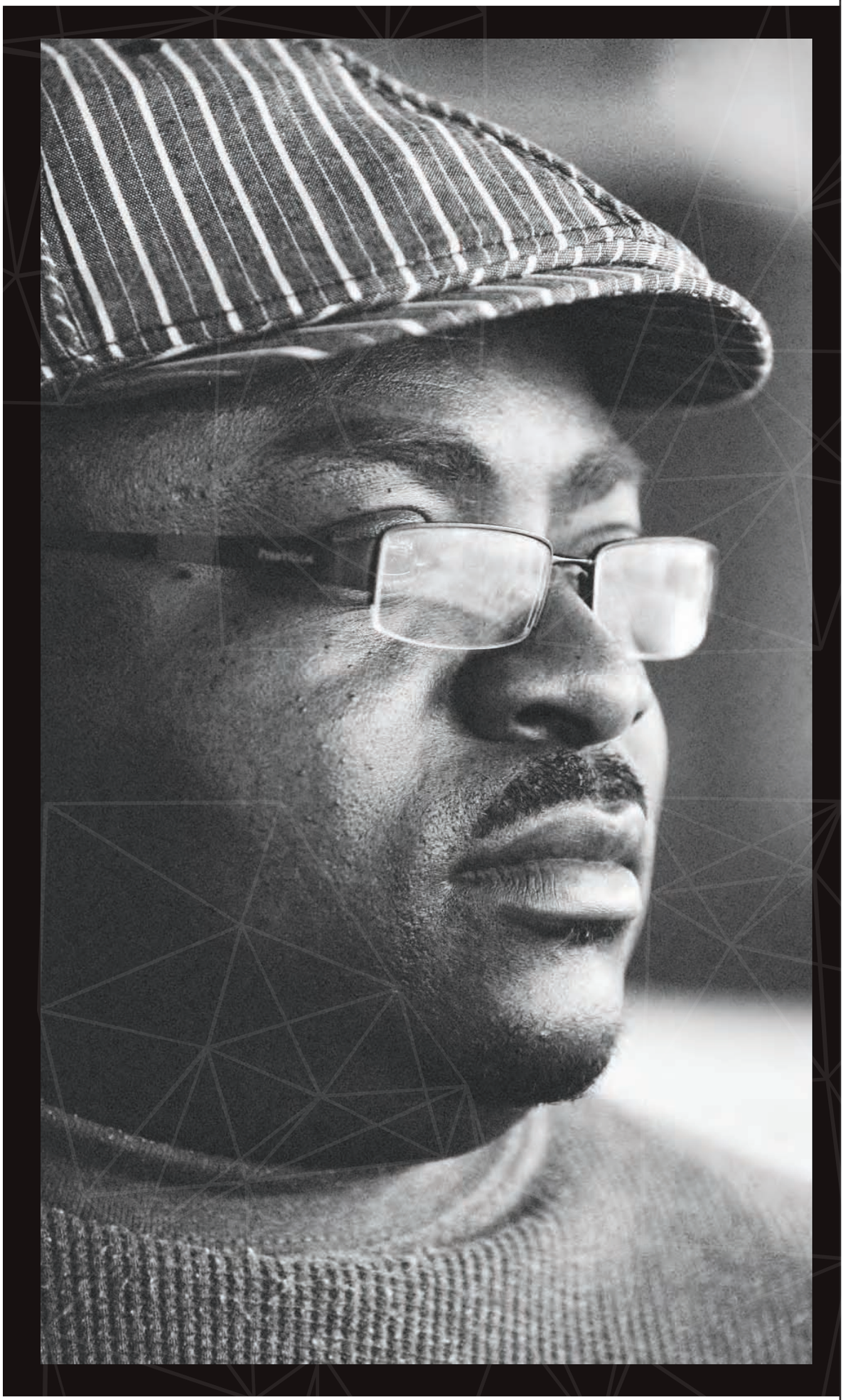
The fact that they are sharing their lives rather than going as missionaries or case workers is an important, no, critical distinction for Draper. “We want this story to show this is a community effort and not to glorify me or any sacrifice we have made, but rather show the sacrifices people in our community have made in coming out of drugs or alcohol,” Draper says. “Some of our staff members have come out of that and it is a huge blessing. I know it is easy to portray it as recipients of charity and us coming in with the light of Christ and them being recipients of salvation – being found by others – as opposed to all of us as the body of Christ together making up the incarnation of Jesus. We are all strong or weak in complimentary ways.”

Toddrick Gordon’s strengths are in areas that compliment Draper’s weaknesses. While Draper may have grown up in a comfortable middle-class setting (“Affluenza” he calls it), Gordon has seen the blunt side of life and possesses a much clearer picture of what it was he was saved from. Today Gordon is Urban Light’s community outreach pastor and leads a ministry to people trying to break the stranglehold of addictions – something of which he has firsthand knowledge. He admits to a level of cynicism when he met Draper for the first time several years ago. He could not decide if Draper was there to buy drugs or if he was a cop.

Gordon had been in and out of jail for drug usage and dealing. He was in the county jail when a guard told him he had a clergy visit. “My first thought was, ‘Which one of these clown preachers is coming to see me now?’” It was Draper, or, “Pastor Andrew” as Gordon calls him. They had only met a couple of times but the young pastor wanted to invite Gordon to his church once he got out of jail. “That was amazing,” Gordon relates. “I thought, ‘This dude seems like he is for real about this. He seems like he is on the up-and-up.’ When I got released I said, ‘I’m going to go to Urban Light and see what that is all about.’

“I developed a relationship with Christ while I was in prison because a lot of times that is the only direction you can turn,” Gordon says. “But I was never in fellowship with anyone else. I was not part of a community. I did not have that brother-and-sister-in-Christ bond with anybody else. I went to Urban Light and immediately I was hooked – just the love, the compassion for the broken that I experienced there was nothing like I had ever seen.”

Dori Granados has similar feelings about Urban Light and her brothers and sisters in the faith there. She had done several turns in prison – last time was for four years. But it was during her last incarceration that she found herself reading the Bible and studying what addiction really was. When she was released from prison she came to a reentry program that was cosponsored by Urban Light. She now works for the church as a part-time administrator – something that she never dreamed was possible when she was seemingly hopelessly addicted to drugs. “I had a stigma of addiction and felonies. I got a job once but



when they got my criminal history back they fired me," she admits. "I acquired my first job through Jake Jones' cleaning service ... God has just been good. I am in places that I never thought I would be. I didn't think I could ever be happy or be more than what I was. Through the ministries of the church and God's grace and mercy, here I am."

Today Granados is in school with hopes to one day be a drug and alcohol counselor. Her goal is to open her own recovery home one day. "That is my story. God has been good to me," she says. "It makes me cry when I say it, but I know what it is to feel empty. Completely empty."

"That lifestyle leads to three places: institutions, prisons and death, and I've visited two of them," Gordon says. "I thank God for Pastor Andrew and Urban Light. All the mess I had been through – I thank God for it, because God will turn your mess into a message. It's not about doing for you or, 'We're better than you.' No. It's about you're my brother, you're my sister and we're struggling with you. We want you to understand who God says you are and not who the devil says you are. It's not that they intentionally moved into the neighborhood to do for people of this broken community. No. They moved here to be in relationship, to live with the people; to be brothers and sisters – to walk hand-in-hand in the struggle. That was the key for me because for so many years I was part of the problem and to now be a part of the solution is like, amazing."

"You start to recognize the importance of the Body of Christ,"

Draper says. “Paul said if everybody was a hand where would the body be? Or if everyone was a foot where would the body be? So there are things that we all bring to the table – different gifts and strengths. Oftentimes the church seems to be: all the hands gather over here in one spot together, and all the feet gather over here together, and it looks more like a dismembered corpse than it does a living body.

“Our experience of the body of Christ is often limited because of how homogenous our church communities are,” Draper says. “We experience the fullness of Christ more in the midst of diversity than homogeneity.”

“We love where we live – we love our community,” Draper adds. “It is like America years ago. There are sidewalks and front porches and people live their lives in the public as neighbors. The children are out in the streets … we were more concerned about raising our children in the upper middle class environment that we were in before we lived here.”

“We want to continue to grow and stand to be an example that the church can come together across racial and socioeconomic lines and make a real difference in people’s lives and the community,” says Draper. “There is nothing better than being in true, honest relationships with people different from yourself and also seeing God totally make someone a new creation.”

To learn more, visit: www.urbanlightmuncie.com.






ONE



Being the one in seven

GOD LED HEATHER CREED ’97 ON AN UNLIKELY JOURNEY THAT ENDED WITH THE ADOPTION OF HER SON

It was during her college years that Heather Creed ’97 began to feel God’s tug at her heart to adopt a child. In the years after her graduation her path wound from teaching algebra in public schools to Baylor Law School where she studied and eventually rose to the post of assistant dean. Most recently God’s calling led her to New York City where she is managing director of academic programs at Legal Outreach, a not-for-profit school in Long Island that serves 225 students from 90 schools throughout New York City. Two years ago she completed the process with Hope International that allowed her to adopt her son Elijah – or Eli – from an orphanage in Ethiopia. Heather has been challenged and stretched; but the whole experience has reaffirmed her loving heavenly Father’s faithfulness – in her life and Eli’s.



How did your desire to adopt begin?

A: I remembered talking about adopting from Africa in high school - I always wanted to adopt. My church in Texas has an adoption foster care ministry. I had gone to a meeting and they gave the statistic that if one in seven people who profess to be Christians would adopt there would be no more orphans in the world. God used that to prompt me. In my mind I thought several things would need to happen before I started the adoption process - namely being married. But if God had a child for me He would bring him to me.

Some countries and adoption organizations will not work with single people. Ethiopia at that time allowed single people to adopt, but was on a case by case basis. There was lots, and lots, and lots of paperwork and they send a social worker to your home. I started the process in January 2010. They called in April 2011 and said they had a little boy for me and sent all his information. It was not until the end of October I could go over and meet him and have my court date in Ethiopia. When the judge told me I could have Elijah I cried like a baby.

Did your time at Taylor University play any role in your decision to adopt Elijah?

A: The greatest role Taylor played in both the adoption and in my current life was showing me the beauty of other cultures and that God's love crosses national borders. I spent the fall semester of 1994 studying abroad in Jerusalem and it was such a transformative experience for me. It made exploring the world seem less daunting and more of a realistic possibility, but brought home in a much more real way that we are all God's children. Sometimes people ask why I didn't just adopt domestically and my answer is there is a lot of need here, but there is a lot of need everywhere. Why is a child in Ethiopia less deserving of a family?

Eli is about to turn five. His first two years were spent in an orphanage. Could he struggle with attachment disorder that seems to afflict so many children who have similar stories?

A: I worried about attachment prior to Eli coming home, but it has never been an issue. Right from the beginning, I was Eli's "safe place." He has always known I am his and he is mine. I was careful to spend a lot of time - just the two of us - when we first got home and rarely left the house. I try to be open with him about his story and try to create a comfortable environment for him to ask questions with the hope that there isn't an underlying concern that goes un-dealt with and later becomes an issue.

Eli adapted to the United States and his new mommy remarkably well. In fact, I would say he "goes with the flow" better than most kids I know. The biggest adjustment at first was probably language. He spoke Amharic but once I took custody of him, he didn't speak at all in any language for about 5 or 6 weeks. But once he started speaking, he never stopped!

What has been the greatest challenge?

A: I don't think about it on a daily basis. God meant for Eli to be my song, but did he also mean for Eli's birth parents to die? That is the thing about adoption; there is always that element of pain. God helps us so much to understand what God did for us by experiencing the loss of his son.

What are your hopes for Eli?

A: My goals for Eli are for him to grow in grace, to be a man of character, and to take advantage of every educational opportunity available to him. As a family, I would love to adopt again and would love to marry; but more than either, I want us to be in the center of God's will and content to be there even when the picture doesn't look like I thought it would.



THE BAND OF BROTHERS

"CAPTAIN, MY RELIGIOUS BELIEF TEACHES ME TO FEEL AS SAFE IN BATTLE AS IN BED. GOD HAS FIXED THE TIME FOR MY DEATH. I DO NOT CONCERN MYSELF ABOUT THAT, BUT TO BE ALWAYS READY, NO MATTER WHEN IT MAY OVERTAKE ME ... THAT IS THE WAY ALL MEN SHOULD LIVE, AND THEN ALL WOULD BE EQUALLY BRAVE."

GENERAL THOMAS (STONEWALL) JACKSON


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MILITARY ORDER PURPLE HEART

THE GRAINY BLACK-AND-WHITE PHOTO IS ONE OF THE VIETNAM WAR'S ICONIC SYMBOLS – ONE SOLDIER HELPING ANOTHER OUT OF HARM'S WAY TO THE RELATIVE COVER OF THE JUNGLE. It was a place the Americans called Mutter's Ridge. It was



also a place where 22 comrades of Captain Stanley Beach '58 stepped into eternity. Beach, the division chaplain, is the soldier on the left. Although he was gravely wounded, he was the one who was shepherding his friends - his brothers - off the battlefield.

"Getting wounded to medical care was probably instinctive and deliberate. Everybody functions that way under fire," he remembers today. "We took care of each other. They were men I knew well. I worked closely with the medics/corpsman, so was at the front of the battle most of the time," he continues, adding that one of those corpsmen is now a Nazarene pastor in Pickering, Mo.

Beach earned a Purple Heart that day, along with a Bronze Star for Valor and the Navy Commendation Medal for Valor. But he would tell you his greatest accomplishment was being able to pray with each of his wounded friends in their final moments. Injuries he sustained during the firefight left him with severe stomach injuries and cost him his leg. It would be nearly two years before he had recuperated.

"I had faced the reality of injury and death, and biblical truths settled those issues comfortably for me. God is sovereign," Beach exclaims. "That removed any sense of hesitation or need for self-preservation during combat – complete peace. That is a necessity and priority for anyone facing combat."

Beach's distinguished service was not limited to the battlefield. His service as head of the Navy Chaplain's School and more than 30 years of dedicated service earned him the moniker "Chaplain of the Marines."

While the U.S. Armed Forces traditionally only names military facilities after those who are deceased, Captain Stanley Beach was the exception. Last summer the facility housing the U.S. Naval Chaplaincy School and Center was named Stanley J. Beach Hall in honor of Beach, whose service in the combat zone and as the director of the chaplain's program earned him the status of "living legend."

Beach retired as a Navy Captain in 1987 after more than 30 years of service.

"For nearly half a century, Chaplain Beach's name has been synonymous with dedication to duty and selfless service. He's been for many of us a shining example of the very best of naval chaplaincy. His impact on countless Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen is literally beyond measure," said Chaplain and Rear Admiral Mark Tidd, Chief of Navy Chaplains, who added his first meeting with Beach was during Beach's service as Director of the Chaplain's school. "We as students did not appreciate then what we know now – that we were in the presence of a living legend. Chaplain Beach was unfailingly kind to us with a kindness that appreciated our eagerness to learn. And he always encouraged us to learn to do better. In his presence we had the sense that this was someone who truly knew what it meant to be a Navy Chaplain."

Our God was my shield. His protecting care is an additional cause for gratitude.
General Stonewall Jackson

"In combat, we were all very focused – little thoughts of sleepy towns or events," Beach says. "I do recall on one venture near Hue (in Vietnam) that my driver stopped for a rest at an Army communications station. I called on the chaplain and learned that he was a TU grad also. We had only a few moments together and I did not retain his name. During the 13 months in hospitals, several acquaintances from Taylor wrote encouraging letters – which I deeply appreciated."

"I will always treasure the spiritual influence of (former professor) Dr. Julius J. Valberg's courageous faith. The spiritual disciplines and roots I gained as a new believer on campus at Taylor became the foundation God used to shape my life and ministry," Beach says.

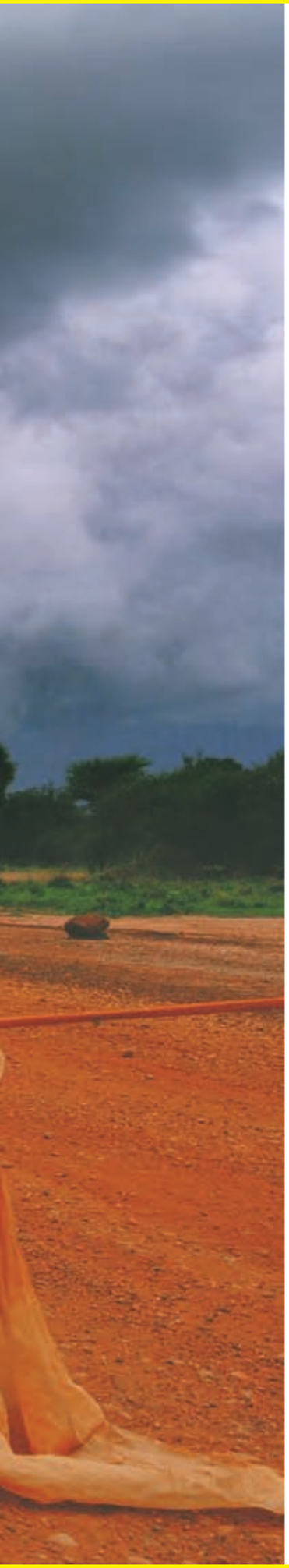
"I remain in contact with many of those Marines from combat and am their Chaplain of sorts even now. They attended the school dedication, and provided the plaque for the building. They are my Band of Brothers."

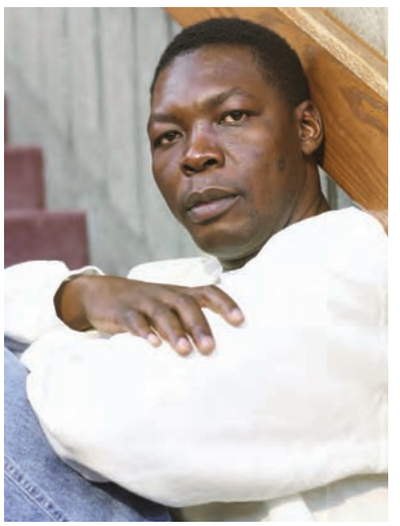
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A MEEK FOUNDING FATHER

LIFE FOR KENNETH ELISAPANA '02 HAS BEEN A SERIES OF DIFFICULT CHOICES. GROWING UP IN THE SOUTHERN REGION OF SUDAN, ELISAPANA WAS FACED WITH STAYING WITH HIS FAMILY OR FLEEING THE VIOLENCE THAT CLAIMED THE LIFE OF HIS FATHER. AFTER GRADUATING FROM TAYLOR IN 2002 HE HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN GOING HOME OR STAYING IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE HE HAS FORGED A GOOD LIFE AND RAISED FUNDS FOR HIS COUNTRYMEN AND AWARENESS OF THEIR STRUGGLE. AND NOW HE MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN STAYING IN AMERICA WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN OR RETURNING TO THE FLEDGLING NATION OF SOUTH SUDAN TO ACCEPT A GOVERNMENT POST.







Elisapana's fellow South Sudanese have chosen him to be Director of Cooperation for the new nation's government. Elisapana, a soft-spoken man with an unassuming personality, sees the historic opportunity he has been presented. "We read of George Washington, the first president of the United States," he says. "I have the opportunity to help the Republic of South Sudan from scratch. I can help in terms of policy but also use my passion for sustainable economic opportunities for the voiceless in Sudan. My voice will be different because I know what it means to be in the bottom."

It is the latest step in a long road for both the Taylor graduate and his fellow Sudanese. Three years after graduating from Taylor, Elisapana formed South Sudan Voices of Hope (www.southsudanhope.org), a not-for-profit organization designed to raise awareness for the plight of the South Sudanese and raise needed relief funds. For more than 30 years the Sudan has been at war with itself. The war – waged between the predominantly Christian and African south and President Omar El-Bashir's Islamic government in the north – has cost more than two million lives according to the CIA World Factbook.

Elisapana's road to Taylor University began in his birthplace of Jambo, 70 miles from Juba, the capital city of South Sudan. After his father's death, Elisapana fled to Egypt and later moved to Kenya to attend Daystar University. It was at Daystar that Elisapana first learned about Taylor University. "I thank God for the opportunities to go through Taylor," he now says. "I want to thank Dr. Jay Kesler '58, Dr. Steve Bedi '65, the former student dean Walt Campbell '64 – they gave me the opportunities I had at Taylor to meet people I would not have met. I also want to thank Dr. Mike Jessup and Dr. Steve Bird."

Today Elisapana works for the State of Illinois and lives with his wife Judy and their young daughters Helen and Rachel in the Chicago metropolis. From all accounts, life is good. But still, the needs of his fellow Sudanese are weights upon his heart. "Here I am starting a family and settling down in an American way. I tried to cut my piece from the larger American pie and was trying to make myself a life here and start a family. Then here comes this opportunity. They said, 'We want you. We need the education you have from the United States to come and build this country.' It is exciting and overwhelming."

"I went in July to participate in the first independent celebration in South Sudan. That was really a joyful celebration … I saw the excitement for the people at the opportunity to have their own country," he says. But we need economic development, roads, telecommunication, hospitals, food security and healthcare. Unfortunately, we had to stop the export of oil. The infrastructure was developed in the north. Even though the oil is in South Sudan, we don't have the structure to pump and refine it. So when the country was split, Khartoum increased the price for a barrel of crude oil passing through its land. Shortly the government of South Sudan realized it was not even worth it. We were at the verge of war with Khartoum but the African Union and the United States began to mediate."

Elisapana talks of a choice he has to make and yet he sounds as if he has already decided what he is going to do. "I say I don't want to go to Nineveh – like Jonah," he admits. "I think the service, or ministry, aspect of this supersedes my own comfort and my own desire. God, who opened the opportunity for me to come to Taylor, to work for Illinois and the State, is saying, 'Can you trust me to go back and help these people?' and, 'I will take care of you.'

"Once I quit my job I have no control over what happens. I will have no insurance. Most Americans want control of their lives. I will not have this opportunity – I am going to submit my life to God just like when I started – trust in God to provide. This is what is overwhelming to me."

"For me it is a happy ending if you look on the scriptural side, these were people who had no shot in life," he says. "Here I am a poor student at Taylor University with no car, no nothing, no personal computer. It is amazing to see how God can use the meek in our society to affect change in a very big way. That keeps me humble."



"For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the skies."
Psalm 57:10



AlumniNotes

1939

01 **Bill Hoke '39** and his wife **Nancy** are living in Mechanichsburg, Pa., in Messiah Lifeways, a residential community at Messiah Village. They were married in 1995. Bill spent 29 years in India, and Nancy, a Houghton College alumna, spent 25 years in Zimbabwe. Bill would love to hear from classmates from the class of 1939. Their address is 508 Cherry Circle, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055; e-mail is billnancy2@verizon.net.

1951

Norm Wilhelmi, a long-time resident of Montreat, N.C., went home to be with his Lord and Savior, October 24, 2012. He spent his life as a coach, athletic director and teacher in colleges in New York and North Carolina. He also hosted a nationwide sports radio broadcast, and was inducted into the athletic halls of fame for Taylor University, the National Christian College Athletic Association and Montreat College. He is survived by his wife **Eunice (Berg '51)**.

1959

Ray Merz is teaching a short term class called "Civil War Victims Meet Old Testament Job" at the First Presbyterian Church, Naples, Fla.; the University of Dayton's LifeLong Learning Center; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ohio; and at the Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, N.Y. The class pairs a study of Job with historical figures like Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln, John Wilkes Booth, and Jefferson Davis.

1960

02 **Dr. Charles and Barbara (Hanawalt '61) Ford** recently led a tour of family and friends to Israel and Jordan. Dr. Ford has taught in Israel more than ten years; the Fords were recruited to develop a group tour based on their experiences. They live in Lake Wylie, S.C.

1963

Peggy (Ulmer) Marguard passed away Oct. 29, 2012. She was a businesswoman, pet photographer and animal breeder. Peggy had battled several diseases for many years. She is survived by her husband Don, whom she married June 27, 1964.

1965

Bill Jones was selected to be a member of the Ohio High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame, and will be inducted in July. He spent 41 years in the high school coaching profession. While at Taylor, Bill quarterbacked the Trojans to three straight Hoosier Conference championships under head coach Bob Davenport and was a co-captain of the 1964 team. Bill has been married for 49 years to **Myra (Bullock '64) Jones** and are both retired from teaching professions. • **Nancy (Verdell) Moller** is happy to announce she is coming out of retirement to teach math part time at Paradise Valley Community College in the Phoenix area during spring of 2013. She will also substitute teach in Phoenix high schools.

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Diane (Powell) Hawkins has become President of Restoration in Christ Ministries, based in Grottoes, Va. She and her husband Tom have pioneered a new model for the treatment of Dissociative Identity Disorder from a Christian perspective and have produced a broad range of educational material that reaches over 30 countries.

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03 **Gary Sinclair** and his wife, Jackie, traveled to Russia in October to help lead and teach at the Soli Deo Worship Conference in Moscow. It was their 15th trip there. Hundreds of pastors and worship leaders are developing their skills and being inspired to lead more effectively through both onsite teaching and internet resources. • **Jim Nolten** recently completed the Lake Placid Ironman Triathlon. He lives in Warriors Mark, Pa., along with his wife **Susie (Charles '70)**. Jim serves as senior pastor at a church in State College, Pa. Susie is now retired and assists in ministry work. The couple has fun spending free time with their 10 grandkids.

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04 **Dave Schmidt** is the Global Outreach and Family Ministries Pastor at Calvary Church in Muscatine, Iowa. His position allows him to travel abroad and participate in intercultural worship events, such as the one pictured here, where he and several Chinese friends spoke at a worship service in Chengdu, China. Dave is thankful for the ways that God is allowing him to reach the world and sees Taylor as a great influence in his life's direction.

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05 **John Hill** was named executive director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security by Indiana


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Governor Mike Pence. John, a former Federal Motor Carrier Safety administrator, will put his trucking consulting business, The Hill Group, on hiatus for the next few years while serving Indiana in this new capacity.

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Sandra Earixson has accepted the role of principal at the Archbishop Janani Luwum Theological College in Gulu, Uganda. The college is reopening in May and will offer lay pastor training and ordination training. Sandra's e-mail is searixon@gmail.com. She has a blog at reflectionsuganda.blogspot.com.

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06 Third Center Wengatz hosted a reunion at Taylor's 2012 Homecoming. Taylor Alums in attendance were **Rhonda (Sabol) Tompkins, Ruth (Plumb) Wenger, Cully (Powell) Watson, Beth McAhren, Elaine Beavon '89, Rod Ogilvie, Tim Hirons '89, Rob Hanlon '88, Dennis Salazar '88, Nathan Harvey, Mark Wenger '88, Jim Hayes, Chuck Stewart '88, Paul Watson, Tom Flanagan '88,** and **Tim Savage '90**. All have fond memories of their years together at Taylor.

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Jennifer (Dickinson) Skaggs recently took a job as a faculty member at American University in Cairo, Egypt. Jennifer's title is Assistant Professor in the Graduate School of Education. Living with her in Egypt is her husband Byron. She can be contacted at jskaggs@aucegypt.edu, and would love to hear from Taylor friends! 07 **Reann (Lydick) Poray** has authored a pictorial history book called Plainfield published by Arcadia Publishing. Reann lives with her husband John in Plainfield, Ind., and is the local history/genealogy librarian at the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library. Her e-mail is rporay@plainfieldlibrary.net.

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Darren Nyce, Senior Research Analyst for Castle Wealth Advisors, has earned the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. The CFA Charter is a globally respected and recognized credential that requires passing three levels of rigorous exams as well as several years of investment experience. Darren lives in Zionsville, Ind.

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EDMUND CHAMBERS DIES(was the great grandson of William Taylor)

Edmund Chambers, the great grandson of Bishop William Taylor, died on January 13, in Alamo, Calif. He was 95.

He led a very full and active life," said Stanley Koskinen, Chambers' nephew and another William Taylor descendant. "I am proud to say he was my uncle and Ellen (Koskinen's wife) and I will miss him greatly. I am sure that William Taylor would have been proud of him too."

Chambers and the Koskinens visited Upland during Taylor's sesquicentennial celebration in 1996. Chambers' photograph appeared on the cover of the subsequent Taylor alumni magazine and Koskinen said it was a source of great satisfaction for his uncle.

Chambers was interred in the Taylor Family plot at the Mt. View Cemetery in Oakland, Calif., which is also Bishop Taylor's final resting place.

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Jennifer (Curtis) and Matthew **Carlino**, along with proud grandmother **Linda (George'69) Dersch**, are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Grace Elizabeth, July 15, 2012. They live in East Northport, N.Y.

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01 **Jon and Robin (Hunt '97) Rees** have moved to Washington, D.C., where Jon will serve as associate pastor for a church plant called Redemption Hill. They and their children David (10), Hannah (9), Micah (6), and Andrew (4), live on Capitol Hill and ask for prayers that they could impact the neighborhood for Christ. • **John Tuggy** was named the winner of the Danish Mission Council international paper writing competition. John is a former missionary in Cambodia and is now a PhD student at the Oxford Mission Study Center. John and his wife Veronica are now working with Disciple Nations Alliance and plan to move to Kampala, Uganda, in summer 2013. The award-winning paper and more information about them can be found at their website www.missionalmusings.com.

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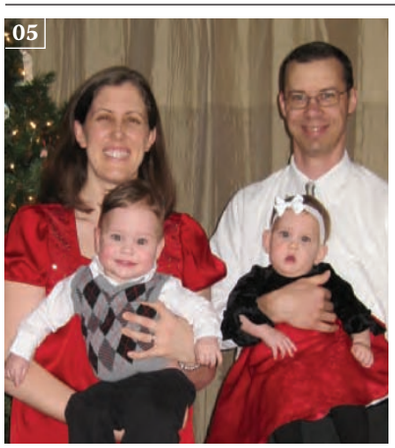
02 Warren and **Beth (Ockers) Esdale** welcomed their son Daniel into the family July 21, 2012. Daniel joins big sister Emily (2 ½). Warren is the associate pastor at Chatswood Presbyterian Church in New South Wales, Australia. Beth's MK background comes in handy when she serves as missions coordinator at their church as well as leads a Bible study for international women who are learning English.

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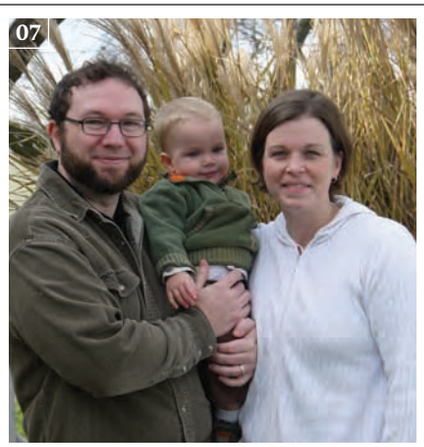
03 Scott and **Lara (Shank) Blomberg**, along with Noah (2) and Will (4), welcomed Hannah Grace into their family on October 28, 2012. Lara is taking time off from her job of teaching English as a New Language to elementary students to enjoy time at home with her family through the end of the school year. The Blombergs live in Avon, Ind. • Ryan and **Ann (Hartmann) Deering** were blessed by the birth of their son William Ryan March 9, 2012. Will joins sisters Susan (9), Sophie (7), and Ruth (5). They live in West Grove, Pa. 04 **Amy (Barnhart)** and Ermias Ephrem welcomed Kelizer Watson into the world Nov. 4, 2012. He joins big brother Yabi (3). Amy works as the membership coordinator for the Globalization and Localization Association and lives with her family in Bellevue, Wash. They would love to connect with Taylor alumni in the greater Seattle area. E-mail is amyephrem@gmail.com. 05 Tim and **Nicole (Franz) Fox** are pleased to announce the birth of their miracle babies. Born


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three-and-a-half months early, twins Justin and Emily entered the world November 12, 2011. After a long stay in two different neonatal ICUs, they were able to join their parents at home. Tim and Nicole thank God for Justin and Emily's safe arrival, their good growth, and the positive steps they are making in their development. • **Krista Morris-Lehman** and her husband Christian announce the birth of their daughter Linnea Meram on Oct. 31, 2012. Linnea joins big brother Samuel (5). • **Natalie (Uhler) Smith**'s Bible study workbook, An Investigation of Acts, has been published. The book was a long journey for Natalie and she is grateful for its successful completion. Her book can be purchased at Tatepublishing.com. 06 **Joy (Jones) Suh** and daughter, Hannah (1), lives in Honolulu, Hawaii, with her husband Rob who is stationed there with the Navy. 07 **Nathan Swartzendruber** completed his MA in poetry at the University of Cincinnati in June 2011. One month later his wife Becca gave birth to their son Elias. Nathan works at the SWON Libraries Consortium, a small non-profit that provides continuing education to librarians. He and his family live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Mike Donovan and his wife Abby welcomed their fifth child Ellingsen Marie into the world Oct. 8, 2012. The family lives in Stryker, Ohio, where Mike works as a guidance counselor at Stryker Local Schools.

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08 David and **Danielle (Leas) Brown** welcomed their fourth daughter Avee Elaine November 11, 2012. The family lives in Lusby, Md. • **Jason Fletcher** has been called as senior pastor of Hermitage Baptist Church in Camden, S.C. 09 Wagner and **Michelle (Haywood) Gandra** are the proud parents of Isabella (4) and Andrew (2). The family lives in Salem, Mass., where Michelle is a very happy stay-at-home mom. • **Jason and Robin (Allison) Gardner** welcomed Lauren Michelle into their family May 29, 2012. Lauren's siblings are Autumn (6) and Ethan (5). The family lives in Fortville, Ind. • **Zeke Turner** is Chairman and CEO of Mainstreet, one of the nation's most innovative senior health care developers. Zeke founded Mainstreet in 2002, when he was just 25 years old. The company has been named to Inc. Magazine's list of the Fastest Growing Companies in America. Zeke and his wife Milissa live in Cicero, Ind., with their five children.

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10 **Elissa (Brooks) Bennett** and her husband Andy welcomed their daughter Renée Elizabeth June 22, 2012. Renée was born six weeks early and after 16

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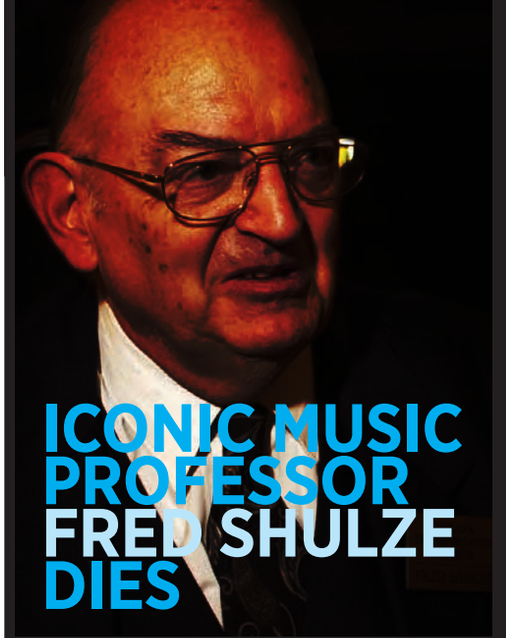


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ICONIC MUSIC PROFESSOR FRED SHULZE DIES

Dr. Frederick B. Shulze was known and loved for many things – his sweeping organ modulations and bridges from the third to the fourth verses of hymns, his Phantom of the Opera cameo during Nostalgia Night, and endless stories he told while holding court in the student union.

Shulze, a professor emeritus of music, died in February in Muncie, Ind., following a long illness. He served Taylor for 32 years and Muncie's First Baptist Church for 37 years.

A native of Portland, Ore., Shulze held music degrees from Wheaton College, Northwestern University and the University of Washington.

> "Fred Shulze was known in the music department as a professor who would do anything for students or colleagues who needed assistance," said Dr. Albert Harrison, music department chairman and a longtime faculty colleague of Shulze's. "His service to the university as campus organist was greatly appreciated in the days when the organ was utilized for every campus chapel program. In the music department, he was faithful to take care of the technology needs and the recordings of all the concert events."

"I was a student of his from 1995-1999 and affectionately called him 'Uncle Fred,'" remembered Kelly (Wise '99) Hartman. "He played for our wedding and my husband Cory '99 specifically told him to take as much time as he wanted between the third and fourth verses of Praise to the Lord, the Almighty. It was brilliant!"

"When I think of Taylor University I think of Dr. Shulze," said James Kenniv '90. "He was a beloved musician, teacher and friend. He has had an eternal impact on my life and I miss him dearly."

Shulze is survived by his wife Darlene and two grown children, Stephanie '97 and Steven '06.

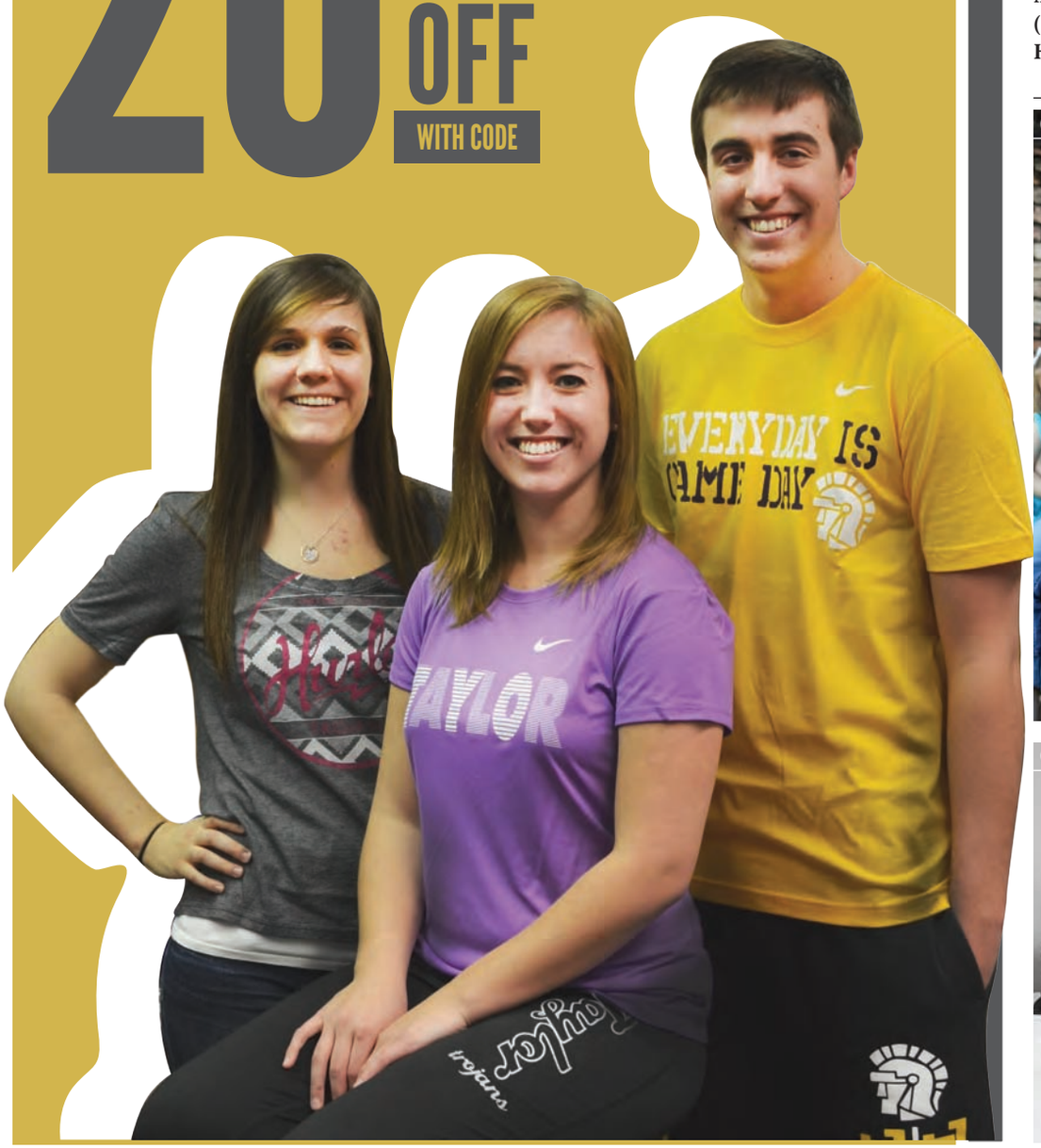
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days in the NICU she began making great progress. She joins big brothers Joshua (5) and John (3). 01 **Dr. Abram** and Rebecca **Bicksler** live in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and are working for a study abroad school, International Sustainable Development Studies Institute, and as holistic development missionaries with the Asia branch of ECHO. Their two children, Ellie (3) and Benji (1), were born in Thailand. Abram will become the director of the ECHO Asia Impact Center in June 2013. The Center helps development workers and others to be more effective in reaching out to Asia's poor and hungry. They would love to hear from Taylor friends at abram.bicksler@gmail.com.

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02 **Deanna Ingerham** married Lucas Rees June 9, 2012 in Bradenton, Fla. Taylor alumni participants included **Kris (White '02) Osgood, Angela (Bottum) Mellema, Natalie (Whattoff) Adair, Holly (Davis) Daly, Sarah Flagel,** and **Toby Siefert**


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’04. Lucas and Deanna reside in Fort Polk, La., where Lucas serves as an Army chaplain.

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03 **Paul and Ashley (Peck ’05) Borrego** announce the arrival of their daughter, Caroline Serenity, born July 18, 2012. She joins big sister Savannah (3). • **Emily (Caine) Carabello** and her husband Justin own Carabello Coffee, a coffee roasting company focused on supporting coffee farmers and communities in third world countries. The couple sends proceeds from their sales to support an orphanage in Nicaragua, where God has blessed the lives of eighteen children. The couple works and resides in northern Kentucky. **04** **Betsy DeMik** married **Ron Rizzo** in a beautiful outdoor ceremony on September 30, 2012, at The Church at Rocky Peak in Chatsworth, Calif. Betsy and Ron live in Toluca Lake, Calif., and both work at Warner Brothers. **05** **Kyle and Sara (Kurtz) Dufendach** and their children, Connor (4) and Sydney (2), moved to St. Louis, Mo., in December 2011. Kyle works for Creative Producers Group as a video editor/motion graphics artist; Sarah is at home with the children. • **Brittany (Jensen) Elwell** is Director of Global Operations for John C. Maxwell’s EQUIP Leadership Inc. She oversees leadership training in 175 nations. Brittany and her husband, **Nathan ’03**, along with their children, Jensen (3) and Bella (2), live in Atlanta, Ga. **06** **Jeff and Melissa (Titus) Tsai** welcomed twin girls Mae and Wren into their family, which includes Chase (4) and Ami (2). The twins were born October 4, 2012. Team Tsai resides in Geneva, Ill., where Melissa runs the household and Jeff is a management consultant at Deloitte Consulting.

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07 **Alyssa (Mueller)** and Caleb **Elliot** welcomed Evelyn Glory July 27, 2012, in Portland, Ore. Her parents hope she will attend Taylor University one day.

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Kristin (Wong) Boggs and her husband Brian welcomed their first child Iliana Mei Sept. 11, 2012, in High Point, N.C. **08** **Abigail Crenshaw** married Chad Eades December 15, 2012 in Waco, Ky. Taylor alumni in the wedding were **Lydia (Crenshaw ’09) Stearns, Victor ’05 and Gabriele (Winship ’05) Replogle, Brittany (Stebel) Burtness, Jennifer (Hess ’02) Shuster, Ben Crenshaw ’11,** and **Sarah Holzrichter ’10**. The Eades honeymooned in Charleston, S.C. and live on the family farm in Berea, Ky. Abigail works in human resources at Amazon.com and Chad is a special education teacher at Madison Southern High School. • **Bradley and Jacquelyn (Gaines) Johnston** live in New York City, where Bradley is the Outbound Registrar at Sotheby’s.

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09 **Becky Beeh and Jordan Hawkins ’06** were married July 7, 2012, in Geneva, Ill. Taylor friends in the wedding were **Bryan Beeh (’05), Brad Klaver (’06), Katie (Brose’ 06) Beeh, Audra Stratton (’06), Wes Krider ’06, Emily Wallace, Alyssa**

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SINGAPORE:
Dr. Charlie Brainer (Associate Dean for International Programs/Asian Initiatives) and Dr. Ben Sells (VP for University Advancement) met with alumni living in Singapore in November. Attending the event were Elizabeth (Lim '94) Tan, Kee Guan Ng '94, Teo Ong , Roland Ong '93, Tony Seow '95, Swee Gek (Tan '93) Tan-Pereira, T'zu-Jen Tan '93, Moses Lude Tan '96, Robin (Miller '02) Seah, Christopher Seah '01, Isaiah Koh '03, Brian Pereira , Kendra (Heim) Kennedy '10, Josh Kennedy '10, Marisa Gratson '04, Jamie (Thomas '95) Merkel, Jeff Merkel '96.



SOUTH KOREA:
Taylor University alumni, parents and friends gathered in South Korea this fall. They included: Sung Ah Kim '10, Paul Cho '10, Jordan Bolte '10, Bethany (Cleveland '10) Bolte, Brie Gowin '12, JongKeun Choi and Bora Lee (incoming



Smith, Julia Germann, Lindsay Hawkins '11, Rachel Beeh '12, Julia (Germann) Clemens, Jane Johnston and Gabrielle (Henderson) Lichtenheld. Becky and Jordan live in Long Island City, N.Y. 01 **Jaclyn Fahlen** and Alex Wagner were married on August 4, 2012, on Mackinac Island, Mich. The wedding party included **Erin (Kinzer) Mutton, Linsey (Taatjes) Bont, Barbie (Durtshe '10) Fahlen, Arne Fahlen '10, Jimmy Fahlen '13** and **Stefan Fahlen '16**. Jaclyn is employed with Gordon Food Service and Alex is a resident at Metro Health Hospital. 02 **Anne Marie Hardy** married Jonathan Spelman Nov. 2, 2012. Taylor alumni in the wedding party included **Jill Hamilton** and **Chris Hardy ('05)**. Anne Marie is a marketing writer for Sonlight Curriculum, and is a freelance writer and editor while she pursues her Masters in Christian Spirituality and Spiritual Direction from Creighton University. 03 Josh and **Tracey (Yoder) Morris** announce the birth of their son, Isaac Bradford, April 21, 2012. The family lives in Winona Lake, Ind. • **Katrina (Thomas) Roeser** and her husband Mark welcomed their daughter, Gwenyth Ann, Nov. 29, 2012. The family lives in Downers Grove, Ill., and is celebrating Katrina's completion of a Masters in Elementary Education from National Louis University. 04 **Kyle and Stacey (Foster) Van Buren** live in Fishers, Ind., where Kyle works as a marketing coordinator for USA Funds and Stacey works for First Steps. 05 **Jen Walsh** married Colin Craig June 30, 2012. The wedding was held in the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church, in Gaylord, Mich., and was officiated by **Jim Mathis '64** and **Newell Cerak '88**. Several other Taylor alumni were also in attendance. Jen currently teaches 4th grade at Timothy Christian Schools, in Elmhurst, Ill., and Colin works as a digital media artist. The couple resides in Chicago, Ill.

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06 **Michael and Sarah (Wilson '09) Farnsley** celebrated their son's first birthday Sept. 25, 2012. The family lives in Kodak, Tenn., where Michael is a youth pastor at Kodak UMC, and Sarah stays at home with Miles. 07 **Elliot and Becky (Hargrave '07) Pinegar** recently moved to Bad Axe, Mich., where Eliot was ordained and installed as senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church Oct. 21, 2012. They can be reached at ebpinegar@hotmail.com.

2009

08 **Matthew and Emily (Winter '10) Hurst** welcomed their first child Danny Paul into the world Oct. 24, 2012. 09 **Mark Wilcoxen** and Kristin Gray were married at East 91st Street Christian Church in Indianapolis, Ind., June 16, 2012. **Greg Hewitt, Joe Hamgeri, Jordan Shew, Aaron Hoesli, Zac Zimmerman '10,** and **Nick Sumbles '10** were

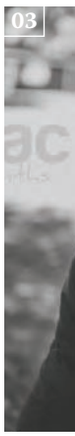
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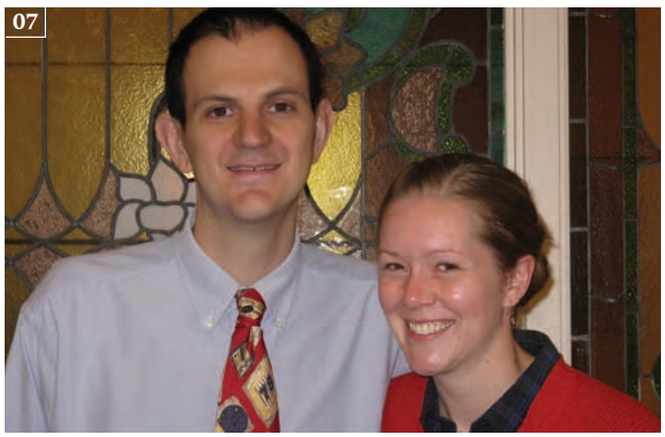
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groomsmen. They live in Indianapolis. Mark teaches 6th – 8th grade math in Carmel-Clay Schools and Kristin teaches 4th grade in Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

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Ben Blake and his wife Amber recently moved to Bologna, Italy, for a year. Ben works in freelance illustration for coffee shops around the world while Amber pursues her Masters in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University. They live in Bologna with their dog, a white husky named Tegan. 10 **Barbie Durtsche** married **Arne Fahlen** July 6, 2012 in Geneva, Ill.. Alumni and current Taylor students in the wedding included **Karin (Durtsche '01) Tooze, Katie Fore, Jaclyn (Fahlen '07) Wagner, Jimmy Fahlen '13, Stefan Fahlen '16,** and **Tucker Fahlen '15**. Other alumni assisting in the wedding were **Josh Mabie '00, Rebecca Helmke, Carly Timbie, Stephanie (Harris '11) Mrakovich,** and **Jenna Fahlen '13**. Barbie is currently teaching Spanish at North Pointe Christian Middle School and High School in Grand Rapids, Mich. Arne is Director of Bakery Operations at his family's business, Arnie's Bakery and Restaurants in Grand Rapids. 11 **Rebecca Helmke, Katelyn Bennett '09** and **Cassie Smith '09** (shown left to right) reunited in Indianapolis, Ind. in October 2012. 12 **Jillian King and Nathanael Wynalda '12** and were married June

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16, 2012 in Bristol, Pa.. Taylor alumni in the wedding included **Rachel King '08, Reid Hutchinson '12, Tyler Beachler '12** and **Brian Shantz '12**. Also in attendance were **Jim '83 and Priscilla (Smith '85) Wynalda**, parents of the groom. The couple resides in Rockford, Mich., with their dog Kipper. Nate works in customer service as a project planner for Wynalda Packaging. • **Matt Schooler** graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University in April 2012 with a Master's in Counseling degree. Matt now lives in Jeffersonville, Ind., where he is now pursuing his doctorate in clinical psychology from Spalding University.

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Ryan Graydon is traveling around the world, sharing and demonstrating God's love for 11 months through an Adventures in Missions program called The World Race. You can join Ryan's experience by reading his blog at ryangraydon.theworldrace.org. 01 **Rachel Kiely and Brian Wong** were married June 2, 2012. Taylor alumni in the wedding party included **Amy (Wong '07) Heavey, Erik Heavey '04, Amy Frost, Ryan Klaver '10, Stephen Groves '10, Joel Pincomb, David Bloom '12,** and **Kent Ives '10**. The couple lives in Issaquah, Wash.

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02 **Kyle DeBoth** and Tawney Albrecht were married June 30, 2012 in Burlington, Wis. **Jeff Rozelle** served as best man. Kyle is an associate programmer/analyst at Hormel Foods in Austin, Minn., and Tawney is a nurse at the Mayo Clinic. The couple lives in Rochester, Minn. 03 **Caroline Helmke and Reid Hutchinson** were married Sept. 8, 2012, at the Oscar Swan Inn in Geneva, Ill. Taylor participants included **Rebecca Helmke '10,** and **Hillary May**. The couple was blessed to be surrounded by their immediate families, and their Taylor family. Reid now works for **Justin Norman '98** at JD Norman Industries. Caroline works for Tyndale House Publishers as a commercial production artist. The couple lives in Carol Stream, Ill.

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an old WOODEN BOX

There used to be an old wooden box in the lobby of the former Morris Hall. I never saw the inside of it, but my understanding was that it held slips of paper with the names of Taylor students who had missed chapel. It was not a box for "snitching" but rather the way we held ourselves accountable in the mid-1960s.

No one was there to make sure we used it. Neither was there anyone taking attendance in the old Maytag Gym where chapel was held. If I chose not to report myself for those times I missed chapel, no one would be the wiser. But that really was not the point of that box.

We were bound by an honor system. It was a practice that grew from the simple act of telling the truth, regardless of the outcome. But the truth telling we were called to was never for the purpose of assaulting one another; rather, we were called to build one another up through this process.

Dr. Milo A. Rediger '39 once said so eloquently that he wanted Taylor University to be the place where each of us could be what God created us to be. At Taylor, we were not Calvinists or Arminians, Methodists or Baptists, Premillennialists or Postmillennialists, or any of the other labels we use to differentiate ourselves from one another. Dr. Rediger envisioned a Taylor that would refine the beliefs of each woman and man to make them better disciples to live their lives before a world that so desperately needs the love and truth of Jesus Christ.

It was out of that culture that our Life Together Covenant (LTC) emerged. Some have viewed the LTC as simply a list of rules but it goes so far beyond that. We are called to love one another because God first loved us. We believe this love will express itself as we strive to build up one another; make allowance for one another; care for one another; respect one another; speak the truth in love; and be reconciled one to another.

Our walk of faith is not one we take alone and it never has been. That is something that bothers me about some of our newer and popular worship songs. There are plenty of references to "my" relationship with God, but not enough that speak of "our" relationships with God. As Romans 14:7 explains, "None of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone." We all make up the Body of Christ.

The wooden box at Morris Hall has long since disappeared. But the chapel program continues to play a vital – and expected – role in the Taylor educational process. We are now working to revise the program in a way that will take it to that proverbial next level. In the future there will be even clearer goals and outcomes for our students that will be met primarily through participation in the chapel program.

The chapel program will be even more integrated with the classroom experience, the residence hall experience, the dining hall experience and all the other ways we seek to create the image of Christ in the lives of the young men and women with whom God (and you) have entrusted us.

The process is demanding, hard and messy. And we, from myself and our administrative team, to our faculty, staff, and student body will not model it perfectly. But that should never be an excuse; it should be a challenge and an opportunity to get it right – empowered by the Holy Spirit. That is what we are trying to do. And we are so grateful for your partnership in that process.



Dr. Eugene B. Habecker '68 serves as president of Taylor University.

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Freshman Nkirote Muriithi, a social work major from Nairobi, Kenya, came to Taylor on faith believing God would provide the necessary finances. Even as a freshman, she's already become heavily involved in campus life as a Student Ambassador, Admissions representative, and International Students Cabinet member, and is working to coordinate an international worship initiative.

Nkirote loves the spiritual emphasis in all aspects of campus life and appreciates the Christ-centered approach faculty, staff, and students demonstrate in all areas of life at Taylor. She said being a Taylor student has strengthened her faith and helped her grow in her Christian walk.

Like Nkirote, many students need scholarship assistance. Gifts to the Taylor Fund enable over a third of our students to receive financial aid through Taylor Fund Grants each year, allowing them to experience the Christ-centered education offered at Taylor.

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